

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS

Attorney Docket No.: Q92480

Application No.: 10/562,736

REMARKS

In the present Amendment, claims 1, 5-12, 17 and 39 have been amended. Specifically, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 2-4, and claims 2-4 are cancelled. Also, claim 1, line 3 has been corrected to refer to “general formulas (3) to (8)”, rather than “general formulas (3) to (5)”. In incorporating claim 2 into claim 1, the reference in claim 2, line 3 to “X” has been corrected to “X’”.

Claims 5-12 and 17 are amended to revise their dependencies. Claim 39 is amended to improve its form.

The amendment creates a linking claim (i.e., claim 1) between at least Groups I and III set forth in the Restriction Requirement. No new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of the Amendment are respectfully requested.

Response to Restriction and Election of Species Requirements

In response to the restriction requirement dated May 13, 2009, Applicants elect Group I, stated by the Examiner to be “claim(s) 1 (with dependent claims 3-19 & 51-53).” As noted, the present Amendment creates a linking claim between at least Groups I and III.

In response to the election of species requirement pertaining to the phenol resin (see the paragraph bridging pages 3-4 of the Action), Applicants elect the phenol resin of Formula (3)/(21), i.e., the first species identified by the Examiner for the phenol resin.

In response to the election of species requirement pertaining to the epoxy resin (see the first full paragraph on page 4 of the Action), Applicants elect the epoxy resin of Formula (11)/(35), i.e., the first species identified by the Examiner for the epoxy resin.

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Of the Group I and III claims, claims 1, 5-19 and 21-53 are believed to read on the elected species for the phenol and epoxy resins.

The elections are made without traverse.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to the non-elected subject matter.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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